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Johnston man is sentenced to nine years in prison for helping to guard cocaine shipment

A federal judge today sentenced **Alan Blamires**, 50, of Johnston, to 108 months in federal prison for a cocaine trafficking conspiracy. In February, Blamires admitted that he was one of two men sent by **Matthew Guglielmetti** to guard a shipment of 67 kilograms of cocaine that was part of an FBI undercover operation.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence.

At the plea hearing in February, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth P. Madden said that the government could prove that, in January 2005, Guglielmetti agreed to provide two men to help guard a shipment of cocaine that would be passing through Rhode Island en route to Canada. Guglielmetti would get paid \$500 per kilo. The man with whom he negotiated the arrangement was an undercover FBI agent.

On January 18, 2005, the agent told Guglielmetti to have two men at a hotel room in Warwick that evening. Blamires and codefendant **Anthony Moscarelli** went to the hotel room and stayed there for about five hours, guarding three suitcases that contained 67 kilograms of cocaine. Undercover agents were also in the room and other agents arrived later to remove 18 kilograms of the cocaine, purportedly for distribution in Rhode Island.

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Guglielmetti, 57, of Providence and Moscarelli, 46, of Cranston also pled guilty to the conspiracy. In September 2005, Judge Torres sentenced Guglielmetti to 136 months in prison and, in May, he sentenced Moscarelli to 96 months.

The **Federal Bureau of Investigation, Rhode Island State Police, and Providence Police** investigated the case. First Assistant U.S. Attorney Madden and Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter F. Neronha prosecuted it.

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